

2011 Military Health System Conference

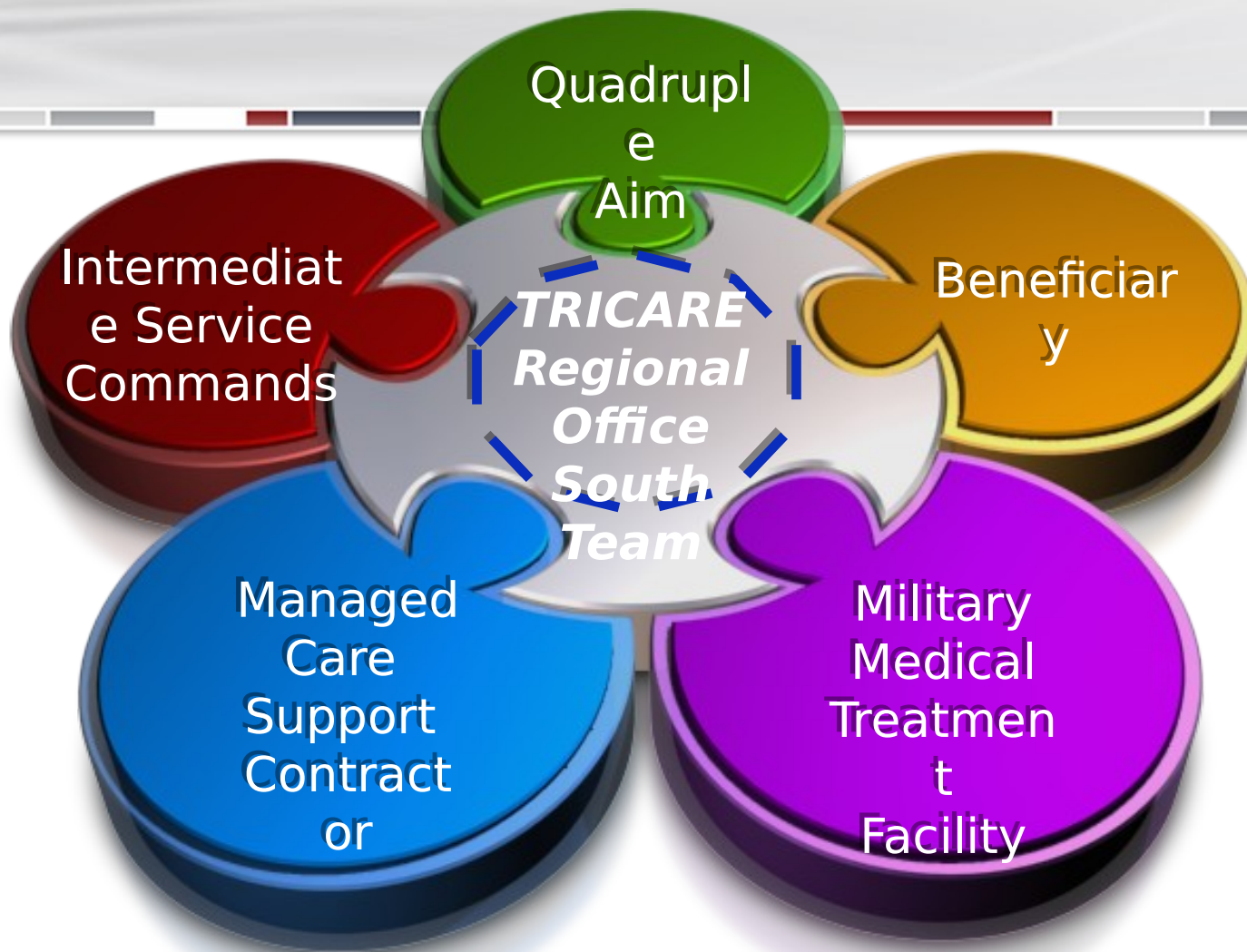
TRICARE: A Regional View

The Quadruple Aim: Working Together, Achieving Success

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Proudly serving the Military Health System as an *action agent*, pursuing value, while ensuring the efficient and quality delivery of healthcare.



We Make a Difference





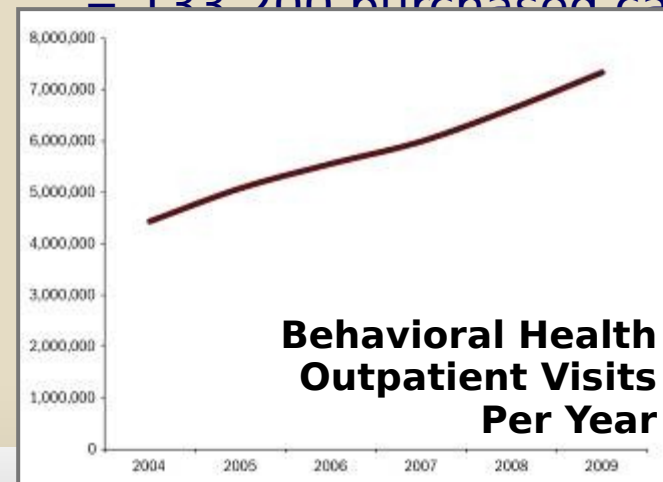
TRICARE - Who We Are

- 9.6 million beneficiaries **3.0 million in South**
 - 3.7 million TRICARE Prime enrollees (*direct care system*) **1.0 million in South**
 - 1.6 million TRICARE Prime enrollees (*contractor networks*) **0.6 million in South**
- MTFs include 59 hospitals & medical centers and 364 health clinics
- Over 380,000 participating providers **116,000 participating providers in South**
- Over 60,000 retail pharmacies
- TRICARE annual cost per beneficiary ₄ (FY09)
 - Prime: \$4,202



A Week in the Life of TRICARE

- **21,800 inpatient admissions**
(7,800 South)
 - 5,000 direct care
 - 16,800 purchased care
- **1.6 million outpatient visits**
(577,300 South)
 - 737,000 direct care
 - 876,400 purchased care
- **2,300 births** *(648 South)*
 - 1,000 direct care
 - 1,300 purchased care
- **3.5 million claims processed**
- **12.6 million electronic health record messages**
- **2.5 million prescriptions**
(968,000 South)
 - 923,000 direct care
 - 1.39 million retail pharmacies
 - 202,000 home delivery
- **179,300 behavioral health outpatient services**
 - 46,100 direct care
 - 133,200 purchased care



Our Burning Platforms



“Gates Gives Brutal Assessment of TRICARE”

By Kevin

Baron. Stars and Stripes, Sept 04, 2010

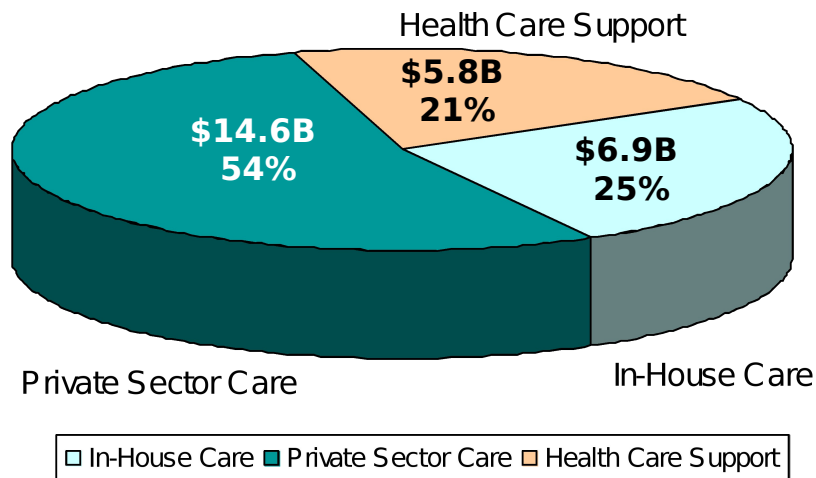
1. Defense Secretary Robert Gates launched into a brutal assessment of the military's health care system, TRICARE, this week, calling it a constant source of complaints from troops and badly in need of financial reform in the face of rapidly increasing cost estimates to the federal government.
2. “I get briefings at the Pentagon all the time about how popular TRICARE is and how everybody's happy with it,” Gates responded. “Well, I tell you, I've been on this job going on four years and I've visited a lot of folks, a lot of facilities, a lot of ships, a lot of air bases and I have yet to find somebody stand there and tell me this is a great system.”



Defense Health Program

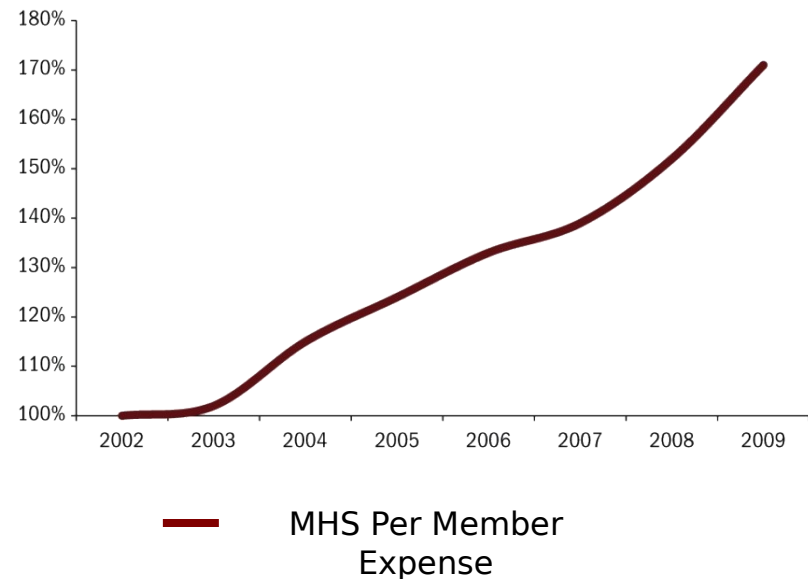
Operations and Maintenance Budget with PMPM Expense Curve

**FY10 Defense Health Program Budget
(Operations and Maintenance)**



Data Source: Defense Health Program FY10 Appropriation. Excludes all costs associated with the Medicare Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund - e.g. \$3.8B TRICARE Senior Pharmacy

**Per Member Per Month Expense
(Trend with 2002 as Baseline)**



Why is Healthcare Cost Growing?



INCREASED NEW USERS

- Since 2007, the number of beneficiaries has increased by 400,000

EXPANDED BENEFITS

- TRICARE For Life, Rx benefits, Reserve Benefits, TBI-PH

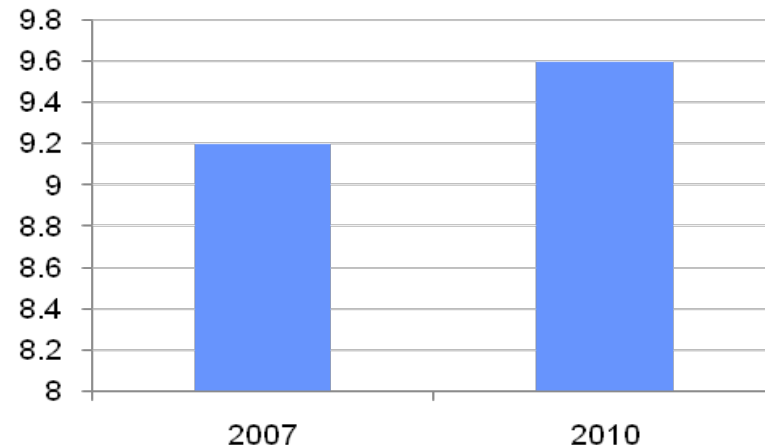
INCREASED UTILIZATION

- Existing users are consuming more care (ER, Orthopedics, Behavioral Health, PT)

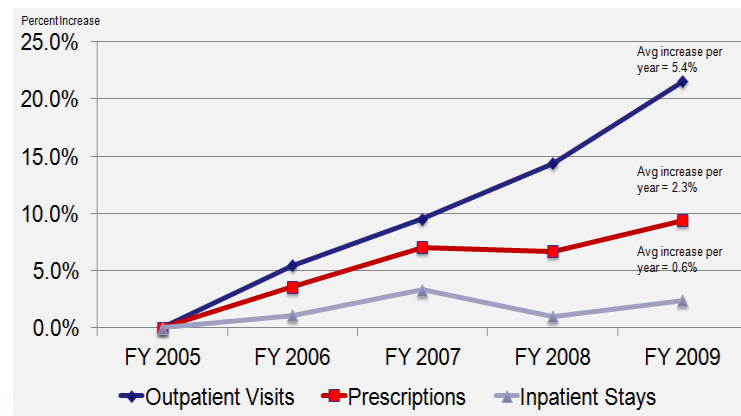
HEALTHCARE INFLATION

- Higher than general inflation rate
- Consistent with civilian healthcare sector

Beneficiaries
(millions)



MHS Healthcare Utilization Trends



Other Reasons for Cost Growth



- **Perversely Incented Caregivers**
 - Fee-based, piecework, uncoordinated, volume-incented, consumer-insulated, payment system
 - Many treat - few prevent
- **Limited Performance Data (Data is the Special Sauce)**
 - Data isn't shared
 - Hidden variability in performance and costs
- **Inefficient, Uncoordinated, Unlinked Care**
 - Limited money, tools, no accountability for linkages
 - Selling pieces of care, instead of packages of care
 - Chronic care linkage deficiencies drive significant health care costs
- **New Technology, New Treatments, New Drugs, New Science**
 - 40% of health care cost increases come from new approaches (CBO)
 - Few standards of value

Addressing Cost Growth on All Fronts



REDESIGN DIRECT CARE

- Patient-Centered Medical Home – new model to improve access, drive appropriate utilization
- Integrate behavioral health services into

Medical Home *Complete Implementation of Other Required Initiatives that Transform MHS*

RE-ENGINEER PURCHASED CARE

- Implement / streamline new TRICARE contracts (T3)
- Design new approach to TRICARE contracts (T4)

ADDRESS BENEFIT ISSUES

- Introduce more aggressive market-based pricing initiatives
- Redirect pharmacy to lower cost venues; reduce ER utilization

REALIGN ORGANIZATIONAL MODEL

TBD

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD WAY AHEAD

- Develop/enhance enterprise electronic medical record
- Enhanced clinical support from theater thru garrison
- Assured sustainment, stabilization and availability
- Develop DoD/VA part of Virtual Lifetime Electronic Records (VLER)

BRAC COMPLETED (SEPTEMBER 15, 2011)

- Close two major medical centers in Washington, DC and San Antonio; renovate other major medical centers and open premier community-based hospital in the US
- Open Joint Medical Education & Training Center
- Co-locate OSD(HA), TMA, and Service Surgeons General in single location

Separate from this proposal regarding organizational efficiency, Health Affairs has put forward a number of initiatives with more than \$7 billion in cost reductions over the FYDP as part of the Front End Assessment

Addressing Cost Growth Now



THE ANSWER IS DELIVERING CARE MORE EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY

Begin with Goals

- **Big, specific, clear, unambiguous, focused, meaningful goals**
 - **Example: Cut crisis-level hospital admissions needed for asthma patients in half in two years**

Adjust Incentives

- **Target desired behaviors for both providers and beneficiaries**

Improve Data Availability and Usage

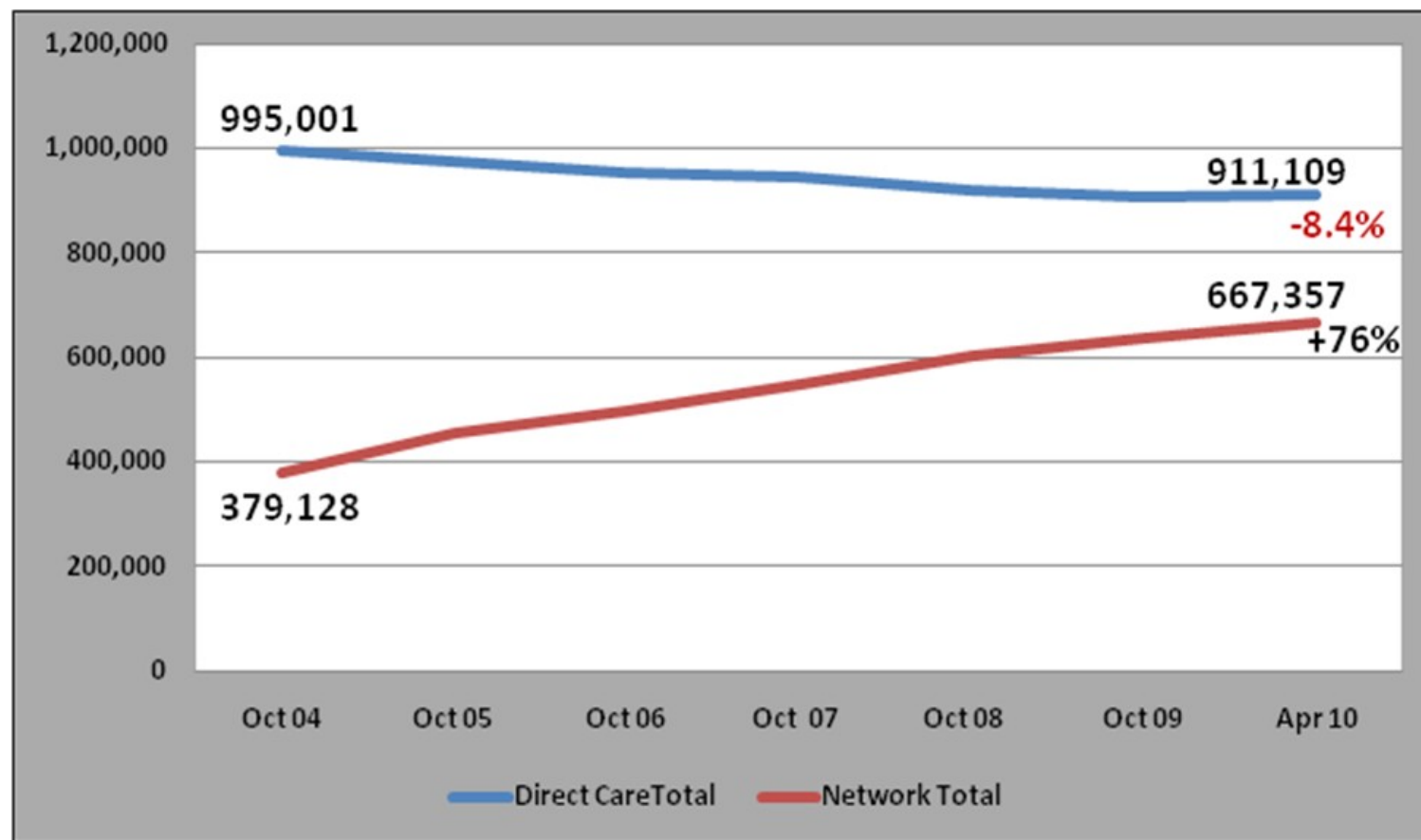
Use Connectors

- **Care coordination deficiencies add cost**
 - **80% of health care costs come from 10% of the patients**

Encourage a Culture of Health

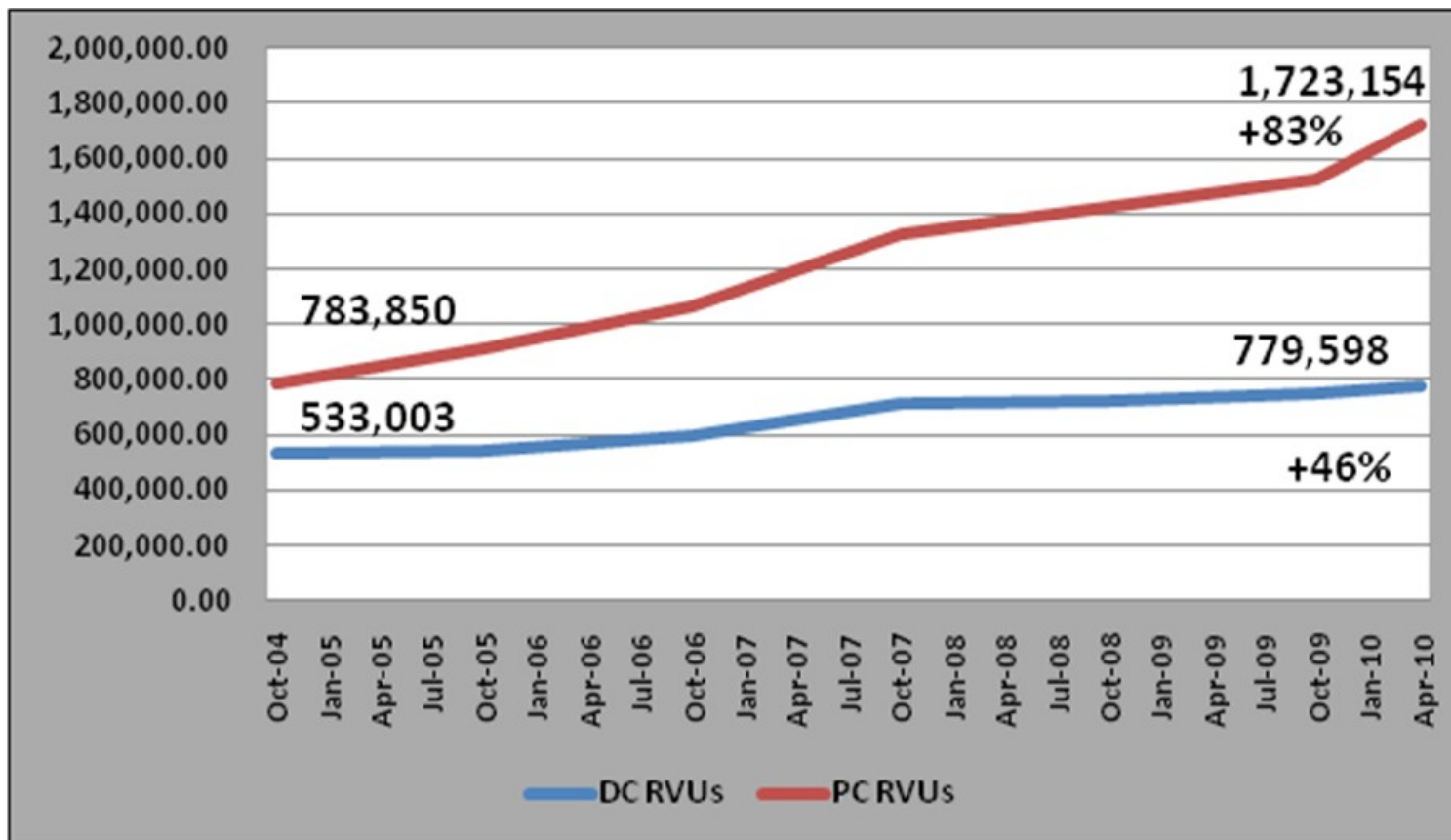
Get Started Now With the Tools We Have

South Region Enrollee Trend Oct 04 - Apr 10



Source: M2

South Region Enrollee RVU Trend Oct 04 - Apr 10



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One Region's Focus Areas for 2011



- Supporting the War fight
- T-3 Transition
- Wounded Warrior Programs
- Quadruple Aim and PCMH
- Optimized Community Based Health Care
- Strategic Communications
- Focused Support of Network Prime Population
- Support for National Guard/Reserve (TRS)
- Support for TRICARE Standard and Extra
- Access, Quality, Satisfaction, Cost, Value
- Improved Population Health Performance
- Network Provider Relations

**Sustain
Excellence**

**Make a
Difference**

*All supported by better use of data

Optimizing Community Based Health Care Delivery



DoD needs a strategy for health care delivery that integrates the direct care system and the contracts supporting DoD health care delivery. Lack of integration diffuses accountability for FISCAL management, results in misalignment of incentives, and limits the potential for continuous improvement in the quality of care delivered to beneficiaries.

Task Force on the Future of Military Health

Care

Why Optimized Communities are Important



- Effective MHS Integration
 - Better Leverages Sunk Costs/latent Capacity
 - Optimizes Military Medical Readiness
 - Fixes accountability for Fiscal Management
 - Improves Human Capital Management
 - Provides Better Value
 - Enhances Potential for Continuous Improvements in quality of care
 - Is More Efficient and Equitable

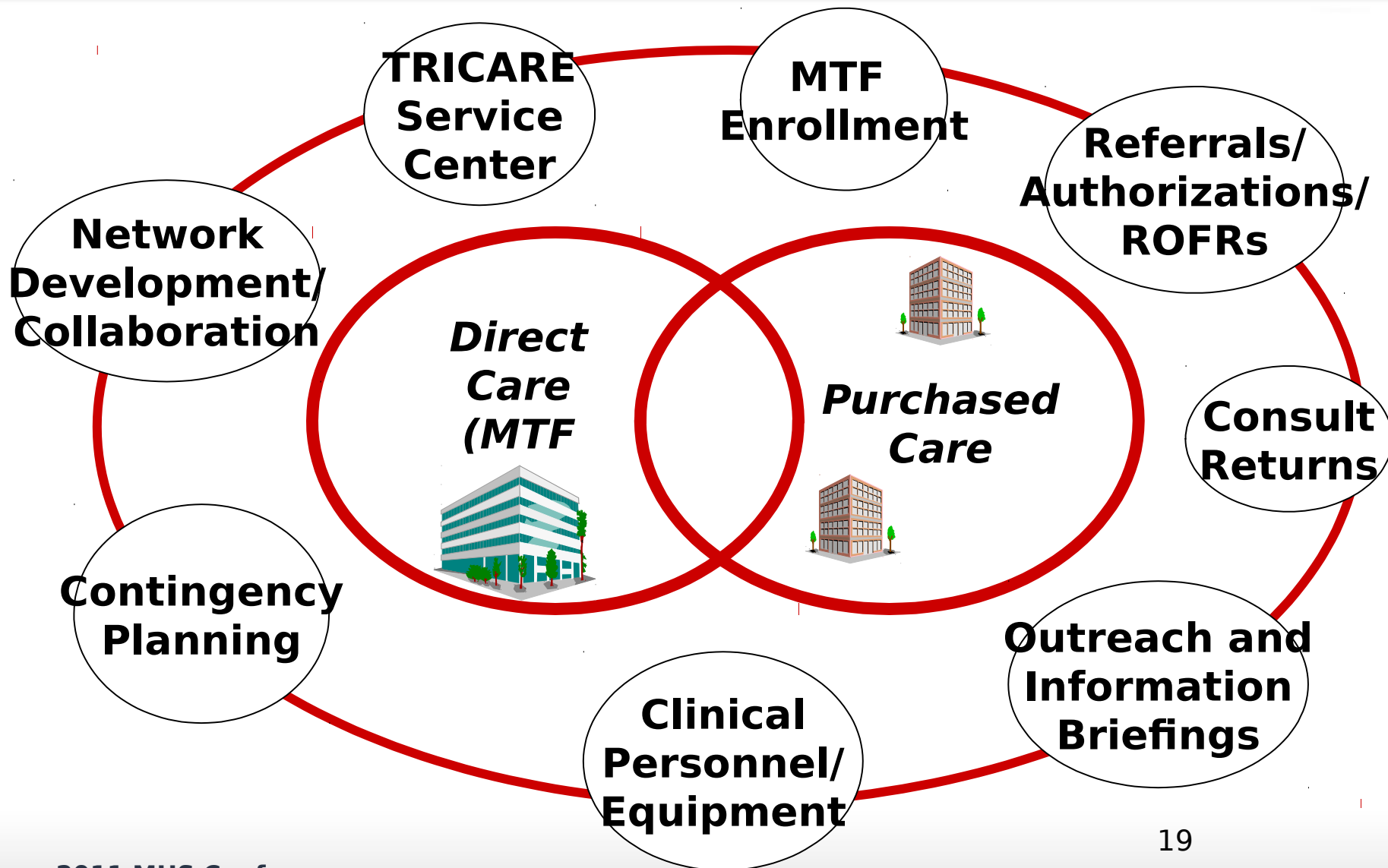
Community Optimization



Filling Every Appointment and Bed Available Within the MTF with the Appropriate Patient Based on the Capacity and Capabilities of the MTF and the MTFs Readiness/Training Requirements.

Today's focus must be on opportunities to leverage the network in support of the MTF base to optimize community based health care delivery

Integration at the Operational Level



The MHS Opportunity to Set an Example for the Nation



■ Goals of US Health Insurance Reform:

- No discrimination for pre-existing conditions
- No exorbitant out-of-pocket expenses, deductibles or co-pays
- No cost-sharing for preventive care
- No dropping of coverage for seriously ill
- No gender discrimination
- No annual or lifetime caps on coverage
- Extended coverage for young adults



*Based on the President's Health Insurance Consumer
guaranteed renewal despite illness
Protections*

www.whitehouse.gov/health-insurance-consumer-protections/



***“It is never too late to be
what you might
have been” -George Eliot***

***“To really listen with your heart
takes tremendous courage,
especially when it is about you,
and the message is critical of
you.”***



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